

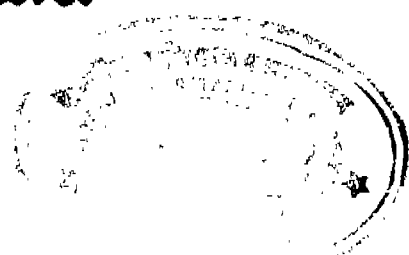


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## LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on 10th December, 1999.

BILL No. 129 OF 1999

*A Bill to amend the Vice-President's Pension Act, 1997.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fiftieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Vice-President's Pension (Amendment) Act, 1999.

Short title.

2. In section 2 of the Vice-President's Pension Act, 1997,—

Amendment of  
section 2.

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "six thousand two hundred and fifty rupees", the words "twenty thousand rupees" shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 28th day of May, 1997;

(b) in sub-section (2),—

(i) for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(a) to the use without payment of rent of such furnished residence (including its maintenance), as the Central Government may determine from time to time;"

(ii) in clause (c), for the words "rupees six thousand", the words "rupees twelve thousand" shall be substituted;

(iii) for clause (f), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(f) to travel anywhere in India, accompanied by spouse or a companion or a relative, by the highest class by air, rail or steamer;"

(c) after sub-section (2), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

"(3) Where any such person is re-elected to the office of Vice-President, he or his spouse shall not be eligible to any benefit under this section for the period during which such person again holds such office.

(4) Where any person being a Vice-President gets elected to the office of the President of India, he or his spouse shall not be eligible to any benefit under this section."

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the existing provisions of the Vice-President's Pension Act, 1997 a person who ceases to hold the office of Vice-President is eligible for a pension of a sum of rupees six thousand two hundred fifty per month for the remainder of his life. However, recently the salary of the Vice-President who is also the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha has been enhanced from rupees seven thousand five hundred to rupees forty thousand per month by the Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament (Amendment) Act, 1998. The enhancement of salary has been made with retrospective effect, that is, from the 1st day of January, 1996. In view of increase of salary, it was considered appropriate to increase also the amount of pension payable to a retired Vice-President. Therefore, it is proposed to enhance the amount of pension from rupees six thousand two hundred fifty per month to rupees twenty thousand per month retrospectively from the 28th day of May, 1997, that is, the date on which the Vice-President's Pension Act, 1997 came into force.

2. During the discussion on the Vice-President's Pension Bill, 1997 in the Rajya Sabha, some members felt that the facilities proposed to be provided to the retired Vice-Presidents in terms of accommodation, office expenses and travel were not commensurate with the status and dignity of the office of the Vice-President. This Bill proposes to make necessary provision in this regard.

3. The Bill also makes two new provisions which, *inter alia*, provide that when a person is re-elected to the office of Vice-President, such person or the spouse of such person shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Vice-President's Pension Act, 1997 during the period he holds such office; and if the Vice-President gets elected to the office of the President, he or his spouse shall not be entitled to any facilities under the provisions of the said Act.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

NEW DELHI;

L. K. ADVANI.

The 6th December, 1999.

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## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub-clause (a) of clause 2 of the Bill provides for enhancement of pension of the retired Vice-President from Rs.6,250/- per mensem to Rs.20,000/- per mensem. Sub-clause (b) of clause 2 of the Bill provides for the enhancement of office expenses of the retired Vice-President from Rs.6,000/- per annum to Rs.12,000/- per annum.

2. The Bill, if enacted, will involve additional non-recurring expenditure of rupees four lakh twenty-eight thousand (approximately) upto December, 1999 towards payment of arrears in pension; and additional recurring expenditure of rupees one lakh sixty five thousand per annum towards enhancement in the amount of pension; and recurring expenditure of rupees six thousand per annum towards office expenses from the Consolidated Fund of India.

3. The Bill will not incur any other recurring or non-recurring expenditure.

G. C. MALHOTRA,  
*Secretary-General.*